GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **0.6384 ha** forest land **(FP/TG/OFC/440486/2023)** for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within in the existing Right of Way falling in Arsikota and Ibrahimpatnam RFs of Jagitial forest division of Jagitial district in favour of M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited.- Final (Stage.II) approval - Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 81 Dated: 14-08-2025

Read the following:-

1. Government of India, MoEF&CC(FC Division), New Delhi, Dt:29-12-2023 (Conslidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023).
2. From PCCF(HoFF), TS., Hyd.,Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/139/ 2022-FCA Section, Dated:25.03.2024.
3. G.O.Rt.No.88, EFS&T (For.I) Department., Dt.10.06.2024.
4. From the PCCF(HoFF), Telangana, Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/ FC15/139/2022-FCA Section, Dt:02.08.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of **0.6384 ha** forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within in the existing Right of Way falling in Arsikota and Ibrahimpatnam RFs of Jagitial forest division of Jagitial district in favour of M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited.

2. In the G.O.3rd read above, Government have accorded approval in-principle (Stage.I) for the above project as per the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, in the letter 1st read above, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval accorded by the State Government for the project and requested to accord final approval for this project as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, in the letter 1st read above.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad, hereby accord **Final** (Stage.II) approval for diversion of **0.6384 ha** forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within in the existing Right of Way falling in Arsikota and Ibrahimpatnam RFs of Jagitial forest division of Jagitial district in favour of M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited, Subject to the following conditions:-

i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

ii. Demarcation of the forest land diverted: The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the concerned District Forest Officer/ Forest Divisional Officer; utilizing the monies deposited by User Agency for the purpose before handover of the forest land to User Agency.

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iii. Compensatory Afforestation(CA): The Forest Department shall raise 100 plants and maintain (for the specific period as per the provision of FC Rules 2023) in the nearby degraded forest land at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the FC Rules 2023.

iv. The User Agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department ;

v. The depth of the trench shall not be more than 2 m and width shall not be more than 0.45 m and after laying down of optical fiber cable the ground shall be leveled. The cable line should be laid atleast 1.5 below the ground;

vi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the sight so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.

vii. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck/ debris will be disposed off in the forest area by the User Agency'

viii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.6384 Ha and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;

ix. User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

x. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of competent authority;

xi. The User Agency should take permission for carrying out any maintenance;

xii. The Annual Compliance Monitoring report shall be uploaded on e-portal (parivesh(dot)nic(dot)in/)

xiii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.

xiv. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;

xv. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.

xvi. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India as well as State Forest Department/PCCF(HoFF) may stipulate from time to time in the interest of Conservation, Protection and development of Forests & Wildlife, shall be compiled by the User Agency;

5. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER